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FOR WOODCOCK, PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR VN SUBJECT: RETURN OF REMAINS FROM VIETNAM, CAPTAIN EATON

REF: CINC AC HONOLULU HI 220329Z MAR 77

1. AT 0930 MARCH 22 EMBOFF DELIVERED TO SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH THE URGENT MESSAGE FROM LEONARD WOODCOCK TO SRV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER PHAM HIEN. DO THANH SAID THAT THE MESSAGE WOULD BE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO HANOI ALONG WITH THE ORAL COMMENTS BASED ON PARAS 1-3 OF REFTEL. THEY WOULD UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF A SPEEDY IF PARTIAL RESPONSE. DO THANH SAID HE PERSONALLY WAS SURE THAT, AS IN THE PAST, HANOI WOULD CAREFULLY STUDY THE PROBLEM OF THE REMAINS OF CAPTAIN EATON AND WOULD UNDERTAKE TO PROVIDE A REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER HE WOULD CALL BACK IN AN HOUR TO TELL US HOW THE CHARGE (TRAN HOAN) WOULD WISH TO CHARACTERIZE THE PARIS REACTION (AMBASSADOR VO VAN SUNG ARRIVED IN HANOI SECRET

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FOR CONSULTATIONS THE DAY AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE COMMISSION).

2. DO THANH UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY THE HELPFUL MANNER IN WHICH WE WERE REAISING THIS PROBLEM AND THOUGHT THAT HANOI WOULD UNDERSTAND OUR "GOOD WILL" AND WOULD RESPOND IN A SIMILAR FASHION.

3. WE SHALL REPORT AGAIN THIS MORNING WHEN TRAN HOAN
INDICATES VN EMBASSY PARIS' TENTATIVE APPROACH.
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